(b) what is the proposal for cotton export and what is the international position about cotton prices;

(c) what are the recommendations of Dr. H. V. Hole Committee about strengthening of Cotton Monopoly Scheme in Maharashtra State; and

(d) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Cotton stocks are reckoned at the close of the cotton year. The carry-over stock at the end of the current year viz., 31o-8-1987, is estimated at 17 to 18 lakh bales.

(b) Under the long-term export policy on cotton, 5 lakh bales of long and extra long staple cotton and 50,000 bales each of Digvijay and Bengal Deshi varieties would be exported per year for a period of three years continuously beginning from 1986-87. During the current cotton year 1986-87, a quantity of 4,57, 357 bales of long and extra long staple cotton and 50,000 bales of Bengal deshi cotton was released for export. The prices of cotton in the international market are presently ruling higher than the domestic prices for most varieties.

(c) Government are not aware of the recomendations of Dr. H.V. Hate Committee, as the matter basically concerns the State Government of Maharashtra which operates the Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme.

(d) Does not arise.

रबड़ के उत्पादन को बढ़ाया जाना

1799. **श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :**
श्री रशीद मसूद :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रबड़ के उत्पादन में वृद्धि के लिए नई तकनीकी को विकसित करने हेतु रबड़ उत्पादकों को शिक्षित करने की एक योजना सरकार ने बनाई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रिय रंजन दास मुंशी) :(क) और (ख) उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए समुन्नत-वैज्ञानिक खेती, वर्षा-रक्षित टैपिंग, चुनिन्दा जोतों में उत्तजकों का प्रयोग आदि जैसी नई तकनीकों को विस्तार सलाहकार सेवाओं के माध्यम से प्रसारित किया जाता है ।

Cash Compensatory Support for Cotton Export

1800. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government have requested the Central Government to sanction reasonable Cash Compensatory Support on the actual export of cotton made by the State Cotton Federation; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) the Government of Maharashtra had requested for payment of cash compensatory support to Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation to cover the losses incurred by the Federation on its exports of cotton in 1985-86. The request of the State Government was considered and it has been decided not to grant such assistance to the Federation.

Representation from Powerloom Owners of Maharashtra

1801. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from or

on behalf of powerloom owners in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representations, *inter alia* seek relaxation in the reservation of certain fabrics for exclusive production in the handloom sector, allocation of controlled cloth for production in the powerloom sector, restoration of advantage in favour of powerlooms vis-a-vis the organised mill sector, modernisation of powerlooms, provision of credit and formation of corporations to promote marketing and export of powerloom cloth.

Government do not propose to disturb the policy of providing protection to handlooms by reserving articles for their exclusive production in the handloom sector. It is not proposed to allocate controlled cloth for production in the powerloom sector as the policy is to transfer this production to the handloom sector. Government have constituted a Task Force to study the present flow of credit and to suggest measures to augment the flow of credit both for working capital and term-loans for modernisation. The State Governments have been requested to encourage formation of powerloom cooperatives so as to facilitate the provision of credit and marketing facilities. The existing policy provides that the healthy development of the powerloom sector should take place in the context of parity between powerlooms in the organised mill sector and in the unorganised powerloom sector.

बिहार में अजगैवीनाथ महादेव मन्दिर की यात्रा करने वाले तीर्थ यात्रियों के लिए विभिन्न सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था

1802. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार बिहार के भागलपुर जिले के सुल्तानगंज में स्थित अजगैवीनाथ महादेव मन्दिर तक जाने के लिए संपर्क सड़क तथा परिवहन सहित पर्याप्त सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिये क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है जहां प्रत्येक वर्ष श्रावण के महीने में लाखों भक्त एकत्रित होते हैं ?

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर) : पर्यटन मंत्रालय राज्य सरकारों से मिलने वाली केवल ऐसी परियोजनाओं के लिए वित्तीय सहायता देता है जो योजना आयोग से अनुमोदित स्कीमों के दायरे के अंतर्गत आती हैं। पर्यटन मंत्रालय को भागलपुर जिले के सुल्तानगंज स्थित अजगैवीनाथ महादेव मन्दिर में पर्यटक सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के बारे में बिहार सरकार से अभी तक कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Licences for Multi-purpose Fishing Vessels

1803. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many licences have so far been issued for the acquisition of Multi-purpose flashing vessels under the 100 per cent export-oriented industry by his Ministry; and

(b) what are the guidelines issued to the financial institutions for funding purchase of these vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Eighty seven letters of approval for the acquisition of multi-purpose tra-